

S E C R E T

Chief of Station, Bangkok

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Chief of Station, [redacted]

Chief, Far East Division

Chief of Station, Melbourne

① Patrick PO HLA

References: A. DIRECTOR 34594
B. BANGKOK 3988
C. MELBOURNE 6905
D. BANGKOK 3809

Action Required: Please advise if still desired that Melbourne Station contact subject

1. In response to a brief letter from the undersigned, which queried his general plans, subject has replied per attachment. Please note that he can make himself available after 4 November 1968 for discussions with Melbourne. The Station defers to Bangkok and Director whether it is still desired that we summon subject to Melbourne for talks along the lines indicated in reference D.

2. For [redacted] Note penultimate paragraph of subject's letter in which he indicates that his daughter and family are planning to leave Rangoon permanently. The manner in which this is phrased leaves it unclear whether they are attempting this overtly or working behind the scenes. The Station notes from BANGKOK 9542 of 1 May 1968 that the daughter is married to a Burma Air Force pilot. Since we do not have any names, it may be unlikely that [redacted] would have any information on the case.

Leslie N. GEVOLB

Attachment: herewith
Letter

Distribution:

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10 October 1968.
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BOUGAINVILLE,

NEW GUINEA.

2nd October 1968

Dear Mr.

I thank you for your letter of 23rd September, re-routed here.

I am sorry I could not come and see you on my way home which passed through Thailand about a week ago.

I know I have an idea of the subject you wish to discuss with me. I met a friend in Thailand en route to Perth and he wanted me to join his business. Anticipating to hear further from this source, I remained without taking up any job for several ~~the~~ months.

I have now rejoined the ~~Congress~~ RIC ~~as~~ as Assistant Personnel Officer on the Copper Project. This job can be terminated ~~in~~ one month's notice on either side although it's on a permanent basis.

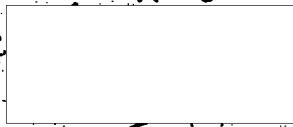
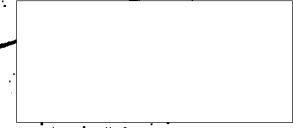
I am an ardent anti-communist and dedicate my whole life to combating this enemy who is aiming to destroy our freedom. However, one must make plans for ones future, I am reluctant to take up anything on a short-term basis. I would not like to be in another position like that of the old contract in Viet Nam when renewal was not considered when it expired after two years, despite an assurance when the offer was made, that there would be a renewal.

I worked very hard in Vietnam and my superiors
and the National Police of Vietnam appreciated
my work. The Vietnamese Government awarded me
with the rare award of the National Police Meda
l of Honor. I feel gratified though that my work
^{termination of service} was found meaningful although I could not understand its

I am still very keen and will
gladly come over to discuss with you after
4th November when the Personnel Officer returns
to duty, if you want me to. There is a very
important point I wish to discuss concerning a
personal matter which can delay my future work
by a few months if everything works out
satisfactorily after discussion. It concerns my
daughter, son-in-law and grandson who are
intending to leave Rayon for good for Australia.

I look forward to hearing from you in
due course. Once again I thank you for
your letter.

With best wishes,

John Smyth,



Bougainville

New Guinea.

2nd October 1968

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I am sorry I couldn't come and see you on my way here while passing through Melbano a week ago.

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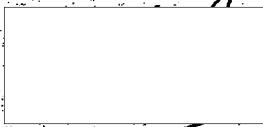
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Yours sincerely,



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